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Codona or Woodside struggle

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Hi Gratton here is a copy of a letter we have sent to Beds On Sunday, also go onto Biggleswade Chronicle web site [www.bedfordshireonline.co.uk](http://www.bedfordshireonline.co.uk)  
There is a story I did about Woodside in it.  
I will also post you a copy as well.

Gratton could you also write and attach Brian E Collier new leader of Mid Beds Council about the Woodside problem as well.

Speak to you again soon Cliff.

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Hi Tracy,

I have forwarded this report from the Cardiff Law School over for you to read, perhaps you could do a report about Woodside and also include this report as well.

I feel that the statistic in this report is information that people should know about.

Tracy I do not know if you are aware but there is a considerable number of families on Woodside in need of a home (about 20-25 families) this does not include the 27 original families.

We have a large number of children attending the local schools with another 10 waiting for places as well, these will all be affected by the councils actions.

Cliff is in the process of setting up a Gypsy under 16s Football team and hopes to hold football matches on our middle green with other teams.  
This will give the children something to think about other than the threat of being made homeless.

You are thinking perhaps we are mad because we live with a death sentence on Woodside hanging over our heads, but we must fight on and continue as normal for the sake of our future if not we know only too well the price we will pay.

The thought of being homeless and on the side of the road fills us with fear especially the mothers of Woodside, I as a mother and Grandmother am worried sick.

We will be putting our families at risk if we are evicted onto the road sides, after what as happened to those two little girls at Soham I feel the roadsides will not be a safe place to live on any more.

The five years we have been here at Woodside have seen many changes and not all for the better, there are far more people who seem ordinary and harmless on the outside becoming violent and Dangerous towards others.

How then are we supposed to protect our families from them if made to live where we will be vulnerable to these kind of people.

Our children here at Woodside have lived for 5 years know in safety and would be too trusting to others that may stop and talk to them, on a lay-by or roadside you cannot stop others from being there as well, I feel this will be an opportunity that some sick individuals may well use.

Tracy in other words we are worried for our families safety, and the councils lack of care about us Gypsies, we have lived here for these 5 years in Mid Beds and are part of this community and this councils problem and responsibility they owe it to us to try and look after our families and this means giving us HOMES.

Not houses, not temporary accommodation, not on another site where we will be split up but together each family allowed to keep its family as one, be that at Woodside or on several other sites by several enough for the 45-50 families on Woodside.

Most importantly in or around the Mid Beds area, we like living here like the schools and the people that live around here, the council as two options build us these sites or give us Woodside, which do you think is the more cheaper and viable option.

I and the other mothers at Woodside are worried about our families safety, we are problem the council hoped would go away but we are still here still waiting for the councils help, other people would get help and support why not us Gypsies we are after all just human beings like everyone else in society, we just happen to be Gypsies and want to live in caravans instead of houses.

With the new government guidelines coming in soon it will be impossible to live on the roadside, we can be moved every 12 hours so what life will that be for our families.

The Gypsy life is not easy as it is but it will be impossible.

Gypsies are an unwanted commodity and the Government and councils would like to exterminate us and rid themselves of an embarrassing problem, and a very costly one as you can see by Rachel's report.

The answer is not make more Gypsies homeless there is enough of them already but build homes and places for the Gypsy to stay on, they need more places like Woodside around the Country not less.

Tracy as you can see I am worried, Worried for our children who are the innocent victims in this Council madness, worried for our men folk trying to provide for us as well as battling to keep our homes.

Worried for our sanity constantly living in this turmoil with the ever increasing threat from the council looming nearer each day and still the council offer no solutions other than the roadsides. I ask you is that any kind of solution to our problems, if so then our Councillors here in Mid Beds are not very good ones, they are supposed to help all people in there community and that is supposed to include the Gypsies is it not.